MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR: May I know whether there is not a circular to the effect that officers should not be kept in a place for more than three years?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I am not aware that the Assistant Inspectors of Schools are included in that circular.

MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): May I know whether the particular officer is an honest officer or not?

MR. M. SIVATHANU PILLAI (*Tovala* cum *Agastisvaram*): Sir, the question is irrelevent.

PRESIDENT: Presumably if the officer is honest he will be kept in a particular place for a longer period.

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I have found him quite honest.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Is there any complaint made against the particular officer?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: There was one false complaint.

MR. MURUKUMPUZHA V. KUNJUKRISHNAN: May I know whether there is not a circular to the effect that officers discharging their duties properly should not be transferred?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: I am not aware of any such circular. In any case there is no proposal now to transfer the officer concerned.

PRESIDENT: There is a circular now issued by Government quite recently in which it has been pointed out that there is no compulsion on the part of Heads of Departments to go on transferring persons, so that, the officers may acquire more local knowledge which is necessary in the interest of Service.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Does it apply to the judicial officers?

PRESIDENT: It applies to all officers.

St. Paul's M. S. C. English Middle School, Nemom.

80. ***MR. K. NARAYANAPERUMAL NADAR:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the Director of Public Instruction sent an order to the manager (Rev. Fr. Mar Ivanios, the Archbishop of Trivandrum) on 7-10-1115 stating that the teachers of St. Paul's M. S. C. English Middle School, Nemom should not be relieved until further orders;

(*b*) why that order was not obeyed; and

(*c*) whether the matter was enquired into?

MR. A. GOPALA MENON: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) & (*c*) The matter was enquired into and it was found that the manager of the school was not to blame.

Sales of cardamom in the State.

81. * **MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have passed any and what measures till 1-5-1116 "so as to carry out arrangements for securing contracts for sales of cardamom in the State itself"?

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MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: The matter is under the consideration of Government; no measures have yet been adopted.

Fee for Medical Services.

82. ❋MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the amount of fee collected during the year 1116 till 1-5-1116 from persons in receipt of monthly income of over Rs. 50 for medical services rendered by Government medical institutions in Trivandrum, Quilon, Kottayam and Alleppey; and

(*b*) the method by which and the authorities by whom the monthly income of such persons is ascertained?

VAIDYASASTRAKUSALA DR. (MRS.) M. POONEN LUKOSE: (*a*) The receipts from 1-4-1116 to 1-5-1116 amounted to Rs. 423-16-0

(*b*) The statement of the patient is generally accepted. In cases of doubt independent enquiries are made.

Village Union, Kothamangalam.

83. ❋MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the total amount spent by them in 1115 for the various Village Unions in the State; and

(*b*) whether any amount was given by them in 1115 for the Village Union, Kothamangalam?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: (*a*) Rs. 13,000.

(*b*) Yes.

Working of Village Unions.

84. ❋MR. KOTTALIL P. ABRAHAM: Will the Government be pleased to state whether the works of public utility undertaken by a Village Union receive any previous sanction from or approval by the Government?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO: In the case of petty works previous sanction of Government is not necessary if funds for the purpose have been provided for in the final budgets. All other works require the previous sanction of Government.

Press Communique re: applications for appointments in the Public Service.

85. ❋MR. KAVIYOOR K. K. KOCHUKUNJU (*Nominated*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have issued any Press Communique prohibiting the practice of candidates sending their applications direct to Government for appointments?

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